

**Appendix 1. Key decisions taken where special urgency provisions were agreed  
1 December 2020 - 15 March 2021**

<b>Subject of Decision</b>	<b>Decision Taken by and Date Taken</b>	<b>Decision Taken</b>	<b>Reason for Decision</b>	<b>Reason for Urgency</b>
Holiday Activities Fund	Executive Director of Children's Services 15 March 2021	To approve spending plans for Derbyshire County Council allocation of the Holiday Activities Fund.	The decision relates to the delivery of a Holiday Activity and Food Programme for school children in Derbyshire aged 5-16 using the allocation of £2.8 million Department for Education grant funding. The scheme was announced in November 2020 with further clarifying guidance issued in February 2021, with a go live date from the start of the Easter Holidays.	Uncertainties relating to the impact of Covid-19 and the Government's anticipated road map to recovery hindered progress in finalising the plans for this programme. Given that the first stage of this offer is the Easter Holiday Delivery Plan it was not possible to adhere to the timing of the usual decision-making protocols.
Covid Winter Grant Scheme - Extension	Executive Director of Children's Services	Approval of COVID Winter Grant Scheme Extension	The Covid Winer Grant Scheme was due to	Notification of the scheme extension and

	11 March 2021	expenditure plan for Derbyshire County Council.	expire on 31 March but was extended to 16 April 2021 with additional funding to help support those families and children most in need over the Easter holiday period	additional funding of £758k was not issued until 26 February and not received nationally until 1 March. Up to date data from schools needed to be collated to enable the voucher issues to eligible children.
Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) Grants	Executive Director of Adult Social Care and Health  11 February 2021	To distribute the following two DHSC Grants to eligible care providers; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult Social Care Rapid Testing Fund</li> <li>• Workforce Capacity Grant for Adult Social Care</li> </ul>	To distribute funding to support additional rapid testing of staff in care homes, and to support visiting professionals and enable indoors, close contact visiting where possible.  The purpose of this funding is to enable local authorities to deliver measures to supplement and strengthen adult social care staff capacity to ensure that safe and	The Council needed to distribute the funds from these two grants to providers so that they could use the funds before the 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021 deadline otherwise any underspend would have to be returned to DCHS.

			continuous care is achieved.	
Home Care Support	Executive Director of Adult Social Care and Health 2 February 2021	To temporarily reduce or suspend individual homecare support for individuals who feel able to continue to manage safely in the short term. Such changes of service will only be undertaken with the consent of the person in receipt of the service and/or their carers	To free up capacity to support current pressures on hospital discharge and hospital admission avoidance as a result of the current increased Covid-19 infection rates, increased pressure on acute hospital services and adults social care community support services.	To enable this temporary approach to commence as soon as possible to relieve the identified pressures on the service.
Lateral Flowing Testing in DCC Schools	Executive Director of Children's Services 21 January 2021	To provide schools with secondary age students which are maintained by DCC with authority to proceed with self-administered LFT for students and staff without waiting for the DfE letter	To reduce the spread of the virus, protect the most vulnerable and drive down the infection rate across the county area of Derbyshire (excluding Derby City). Pilots have shown rapid testing can be used effectively and have positive impacts in schools and colleges.	To enable testing to start with immediate effect in accordance with DfE guidance

<p>Registration Service – Cessation of Weddings and Civil Partnerships.</p>	<p>Managing Executive Director for Commissioning, Communities and Policy 7 January 2021</p>	<p>With immediate effect weddings and civil partnerships shall only take place with up to 6 people and in exceptional circumstances.</p> <p>Exceptional circumstances shall include an urgent marriage where one of those getting married is seriously ill and not expected to recover, or is to undergo debilitating treatment or life-changing surgery</p> <p>The Director of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to approve any other circumstances which are deemed to be exceptional.</p> <p>The change will apply throughout the period the Tier 4 restrictions are in place in the county of Derbyshire.</p>	<p>To comply with legislation and the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (All Tiers) (England) Regulations 2020/1374 as amended - Schedule 3A Tier 4 restrictions and government guidance.</p>	<p>To enable the decision to commence with immediate effect and comply with the implications of the amendments to the Covid Regulations made to the on 6 January that meant all areas in England moved into Tier 4.</p>
<p>Targeted Community Testing</p>	<p>Executive Director of Adult Social care and Health</p>	<p>To introduce targeted community testing to identify asymptomatic</p>	<p>The Council's overall goal is to reduce the spread of the virus,</p>	<p>To commence community testing</p>

	18 December 2020	COVID19 cases in a phased approach across Derbyshire, commencing on 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2020 in Swadlincote for a period of six weeks.	protect the most vulnerable and drive down the infection rate across the county area of Derbyshire	promptly to reduce the spread of Covid-19
COVID Winter Grant Scheme.	Executive Director of Children's Services 2 December 2020	<p>Approval of the overarching COVID Winter Grant Scheme expenditure plan for Derbyshire County Council.</p> <p>That up to £0.100m administration costs from the Grant (any unused funds will go back to providing assistance to those cohorts most in need)</p> <p>That the number of children is the determining criterion for grant award not family.</p> <p>That children not resident in Derbyshire but schooled in Derbyshire are assessed on a case-by-case basis to</p>	To put in place targeted financial support for those in need over the winter period using the Governments COVID Winter Grant Scheme. Derbyshire County Council's allocation was £2,181,024.15 to support those most in need with the cost of food, energy and water bills and other associated costs.	The scheme was announced on 8th November 2020 but clarifying guidance was not received until 23rd November 2020 from the Department of Work and Pensions with a go live date from December 2020.

		<p>ensure their needs are met.</p> <p>That Vulnerable Adults will be treated on a case by case basis.</p> <p>That the grant for children will be paid in two instalments covering Christmas 2020 and Half Term 2021.</p>		
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